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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME **under C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Sir:

For replying to the Office action dated **August 24, 2006** in the patent application identified above, Applicant(s) hereby requests an extension of time of **one month**, from **November 24, 2006** to **December 26, 2006**, the first business day (December 25 being a Federal holiday) following the Sunday, December 24, 2006 date that is one calendar month from the mailing date of the Office action.

Accompanying the EFS Web submission of this paper is an authorization to charge to a credit card the \$120 fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) for reply within the first month.

Respectfully submitted,

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